Knighthood Items From Many Lands Show Similarities

WASHINGTON—A collection of over 200 grand crosses of knighthood is currently on display in the rotunda of the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution. This collection, the finest of its kind in existence, is lent by the Orders and Medals Society of America. It will later become a permanent part of the collections of the Smithsonian.

Included are badges, breast stars, and colorful sashes of such great and ancient orders of knighthood as the Garter of England established by Edward III before 1350, the Order of Christ of Portugal founded before 1320, and the Order of the Annunziata of Italy instituted in 1362. Many of the grand crosses were owned and worn by distinguished persons, including the Marquess of Rockingham, Prime Minister of England in 1765; Mary, Queen of George V; Victor Emanual III of Italy; Carol I of Rumania; Baron Mannerheim of Finland and others.

Orders of knighthood, while having roots in the Ancient World, developed to maturity during the late Medieval Period. They provided a reward for military prowess, a social rank, and a security in return for a pledge of fealty. While the details of the institution varied from country to country and from century to century, certain elements seem to have been constant: (1) Knighthood carried with it an honor that gave the recipient social rank. (2) The honor was conferred in a ceremony. (3) The honor carried with it certain privileges. (4) Rewards of value accompanied the honor. (5) The recipient belonged to a group, members of which had received a like honor. ■

Natural Disasters Killed More In '57

NEW YORK—Natural disasters were responsible for more than a third of the deaths in catastrophes —accidents in which five or more persons died—during 1957.

Catastrophe deaths in the United States totaled almost 1,700 during the year, or about 600 more than in 1956. The increase is largely a reflection of the unusually heavy loss of life in Hurricane Audrey, which caused approximately 350 known deaths in early June, most of them in Cameron, La.

All five of the major catastrophes—those which caused at least 25 deaths—occured in the first six months of the year. Other major catastrophes: the fire which destroyed a home for the aged at Warrenton, Mo., in February, causing 72 deaths; the May tornado which struck the Kansas City area, killing 39; a gas explosion which killed 37 in a Bishop, Va., coal mine; and the March blizzard which killed 29 in the Great Plains states.

Navy Seeks Aid In Chasing 'Gooney Birds'

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—How do you discourage "gooney birds"? The U. S. Navy, which finds them troublesome at its Pacific air base on Midway Island, has requested the help of a Pennsylvania State University zoologist with the problem.

The birds, two species of albatrosses, nest on and near runways and offer serious hazards to planes using the air base. To study the problem, Dr. Hubert W. Fringe and his wife, Mabel, are now on Midway Island.

They have done extensive research on bird habits and several years ago devised a method of ridding urban areas of menacing starlings.

Because of their size (they have a seven-foot wingspread) the "gooney birds" have no natural enemies.

'Local' News Snubbed In German Papers

LOS ANGELES—Newspapers in West Germany are preoccupied "almost to the point of obsession", with national politics, leaving community news to shift for itself, says a UCLA journalism professor.

Professor Joseph A. Brandt, who spent a year in Germany as a Fulbright fellow studying the "miraculous" revival of German newspapers, said local politics is ignored and local news, including the extraordinary achievements of Germany's cities in rebuilding, is told in "the most casual manner."

Depopulation

WASHINGTON—When gold was discovered on January 24, 1848, in California's South Fork American River, San Francisco was suddenly depopulated "as if by plague.". One report said that of a population of about 900, all but a dozen left for the diggins. Thousands of easterners soon swelled the city to far beyond its original size.

Hixburg

Hixburg, June 21.- The living-room was full when the fourteen members of the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Henry Covington on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Edwin Fore, vice-president, presided as Mrs. Jim Williams, president, was absent on account of the sickness of her father, Mr. Sheffield.

After a lively discussion of projects for 1961, it was decided to have a First Aid Course taught.

Mrs. B. G. Anderson, the county home agent, is to arrange for a nurse to teach it.

The hostess served punch and cookies. The next meeting will be a picnic at the Elon Baptist Church on Thursday, July 21.

Commander and Mrs. W. Patrick Lair had two week-end guests from Mankato, Minn., Mr. Steve Sims, and Mr. Matthew Richardson, both of the U. S. Navy. Also recent overnight visitors were Mrs. Lair's aunt, Miss Edith Alley, an Alexandria teacher, and a cousin, Kathy Burchett, of Columbus, Georgia.

On Tuesday evening, the Lairs entertained the Lucky Clover 4-H Club in their home. Mrs. Rob Martin sponsors the club.

Mrs. W. M. Erwin and son, Jim, made a quick trip to Richmond on Wednesday to see an eye specialist.

Miss Kate Franklin is in Memorial Hospital in Richmond for treatment.

On Monday, Mrs. Edwin Schampel, of Prospect Heights, Illinois, returned to Illinois after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Covington.

Miss Ann Martin left Sunday for Madison College, where she will attend summer school.

Mrs. M. I. Anderson, of Chilhowie, Va., is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Agee Glover.

Mrs. Robert Harris, who has been in the Southside Community Hospital for treatment, has come home and is improving.

Carpenters are to begin to remodel the Rice house in Pamplin this week. Mr. Harry Gilliam, of Lynchburg, has bought the property.

His sisters, Mrs. Boyd Ford, and Mrs. Morton Marshall will move in when the work has been completed.

Mrs. Edith Hix and Frances, of Richmond, visited relatives in this neighborhood on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson spent Sunday in Lynchburg with their children, Mrs. Cantrell Smith and her family, and Mrs. E. O. Showalter and her family. They celebrated Father's Day for their father, with a picnic on the river.

Mrs. John Smith, of Richmond, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraus.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Addie Tanner. She passed away Monday evening. We extend deepest sympathy to all her loved ones.

Mrs. Mike Poss and son, Jay, will return to their home in Texas the last of this week, after spending some time with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson expect to visit in Covington and Roanoke this week, with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and the Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and children.

The children of Mr. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., celebrated Father's Day for him at Buff...l Lake, with a picnic on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Jr. and girls have returned to Norfolk after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. The ones who called to see the Stephensons were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jennings, Jr. and son Robert, of Lynhaven, Va.; Mrs. Alma Jennings, Mrs. Lucy Drinkard, Mr. Glenn Drinkard, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe and family, of Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and family, of Gladstone, and Miss Alva Moore, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner over the week-end.

We are all glad to know that the Rev. Aaron D. Smith has been returned to the Appomattox Circuit for another year. He is now on a trip to the Holy Land.

Mrs. Hugh Tanner and baby son have returned home from the hospital. Best of wishes to them both.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, at Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard Sr. and Mrs. Mike Poss visited Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin last week.

Mrs. R. H. Routon and boys had as their dinner guests on Sunday, Dr. Twyman Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Routon and their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, Jr., of Orange, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson, and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse and son, Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings visited at Brookneal Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jerry Viar, of Lynchburg spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore had all their children with them for Father's Day on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Newman and children, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ida Stratton.

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WHITEHEAD - GALLIER

The wedding of Miss Nancy Lee Gallier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gallier, and Arnold Breckenridge Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Whitehead, all of Appomattox, took place Saturday evening, June 4, at 8:00 o'clock in Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

The Rev. James T. Cravens, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decked with palms interspersed with candelabra and centered with a large arrangement of white gladioli. California daisies and gypsophila, Mrs. Joyce Vaughn, organist, and E. B. Knapp, vocalist, presented the wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a draped floor-length gown of silk organza, and Chantilly lace over taffeta. The form fitting bodice of lace was fashioned with scalloped neckline, accented with pearls. Her finger-tip veil hung from a crown of seed pearls. She carried a white prayer-book topped with an orchid and stephanotis.

Mrs. Calvin McCormick, of Lynchburg was honor attendant. Her street-length dress of pink embroidered nylon over taffeta had scalloped neckline and cap sleeves. She wore a headband of white pearls from which fell a pink illusion veil and carried a cascade of pink shasta daisies.

Miss Mary Demple Puckette, of Spout Spring and Miss Jackie Williams, of Lynchburg were bridesmaids. Their dresses and headbands of blue and yellow were styled identically to those of the honor attendant and they carried matching cascade bouquets of shasta daisies.

Patricia Ann McCormick, of Lynchburg, niece of the bride, and Gail McCann, of Madison Heights, wearing baby blue dresses, were flower girls. Michael Gallier was ring bearer.

Mr. Whitehead was his son's best man. Ushers were Johnny Gallier, Gilbert Moses Dinkins, James Clark Whitehead, and Randolph L. Almond, all of Appomattox.

Mrs. Jim Conner was hostess for a reception in the social hall of the church immediately after the ceremony.

For a short wedding trip the bride changed to a summer green dress with a large collar and white accessories. She added to her costume the orchid from her prayer book. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead will live in Lynchburg, where both are employed.

Mrs. Whitehead is a graduate of Appomattox High School, and Mr. Whitehead graduated from Appomattox High School and attended Richmond Professional Institute in Richmond.

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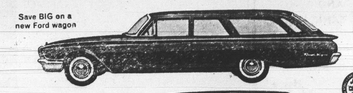

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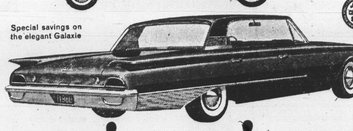

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